

Kindalo

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"I believe this tree is talking to us."
—C-3PO to R2-D2

Kindalo were a tall, [tree-like species](#) who dwelled in the [underworld](#) of the [Mid Rim planet](#) of [Aleen](#). The Kindalo were phosphorescent beings who guarded the passages leading to the surface of Aleen, knowing the surface air was [toxic](#) to those who dwelt beneath the planet's surface. Around [21 BBY](#), a group of four Kindalo found the [droids R2-D2](#) and [C-3PO](#) when they fell into the underworld, and directed them to [Orphne](#).

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Close-up shot showing a Kindalo's upper body

The Kindalo were a [species](#) of [sentient plants](#)^[1] who stood much taller than the average [Human](#),^[3] at 3.1 [meters](#).^[2] While most vegetal lifeforms grew in a permanent site,^[4] Kindalo were among those who could move about, using their lower outgrowth as [legs](#),^[1] in the same fashion as their semi-sapient cousins the [fftssfft](#),^[5]

which gave them a laborious, somewhat jerky gait. They also used creaky shoots as arms ending in four finger-like appendages.^[1] Like some species of primates such as the [Mluki](#)^[6] or the [Hanadaks](#),^[7] a Kindalo had arms longer than their legs.^[1]

Like many other plants in the [Aleen underworld](#), they were [bio-luminescent](#), producing a dim white light that illuminated the underworld cavern groves they dwelled in.^[2] Their faces had stern expressions, with lipless, pouting [mouths](#) and glowing [white eyes](#), and horn-like branches juttet from the top of their heads. They had dark skin similar to plant bark, covered with light gray phosphorescent stripes. On the whole, Kindalo appeared as towering, menacing stick figures with glowing sad eyes to unaccustomed visitors. They also possessed organs that rendered them capable of [speech](#), and they spoke in deep echoing voices.^[1]



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Biological classification

Designation	Sentient ^[1]
Classification	Plant ^[1]

Physical characteristics

Average height	3.1 meters ^[2]
Skin color	Black , with gray stripes ^[1]
Eye color	White ^[1]

Sociocultural characteristics

Homeworld	Aleen ^[1]
Habitat	Underground caverns ^[2]
Language	Galactic Basic Standard ^[1]
Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unidentified Kindalo^[1]Unidentified Kindalo 2^[1]

[Source]

Like all underground lifeforms on Aleen, Kindalo were extremely allergic to surface [air](#), which they considered "foul" and was indeed [poisonous](#) to their bodies. They only survived because the very ground of Aleen kept them apart from the surface, putting the air through a natural filtering process that made it harmless to those who lived below. When the integrity of their biotope was threatened by a hole in the planet's ground, the Kindalo were capable of provoking [groundquakes](#) to try and seal it.^[1]

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"Why have the surface dwellers destroyed the peace?"

—A Kindalo to C-3PO

When there was no need for movement, the Kindalo would normally remain stationary, in which case they were perfectly indistinguishable from more common non-walking trees. Since unfiltered surface air represented a [biological hazard](#) to them, the Kindalo had very few dealings with those who lived above. However, there existed a covenant between the tree-like sentients and the [Aleena](#), a species of small, wide-mouthed [reptiles](#) who dwelled on the planet's surface; their two worlds were meant to be kept separated for greater good. Although they were open to discussions, the Kindalo were still highly distrustful of strangers to their realm and did not hesitate to put the upworlders' life in danger because of an unwitting breach of the covenant. At least some individuals were able to speak [Galactic Basic Standard](#), the most prevalent and most used language in [the galaxy](#).^[1]

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"There is a covenant between the Aleena of old and our subterranean world. We survive because the ground keeps us apart."

—Orphne to C-3PO

The tree-like Kindalo evolved in the underwold of [Aleen](#), a rocky and temperate [planet](#) with a hollow interior^[1] located in the [Mid Rim](#) region of the galaxy.^[8] They shared their [homeworld](#) with the Aleena, with whom they had little to no interaction.^[1] While the Aleena had joined the [Galactic Republic](#) during the [Great Manifest Period](#), which lasted from [20,000](#) to [17,018 BBY](#),^[9] the underground dwellers of Aleen remained independent of the wider [galactic community](#), which gave them an almost mythological status.^[10] However, they did have enough contact with the outside world to learn Galactic Basic. Long before the outbreak of the [Clone Wars](#), the Kindalo made a covenant with the Aleena, obtaining a promise that the passages between the two worlds would remain sealed, thus ensuring that surface air would not enter the subterranean caverns.^[1]

The Clone Wars [Edit](#)

"The ground shakes to keep out their foul air, which poisons and destroys us."

—A Kindalo, to C-3PO and R2-D2

At some point during the Clone Wars, around [21 BBY](#), an ancient seal that blocked a hole leading to the underworld was accidentally removed, which prevented the surface air from going through its natural filtering process. Several Kindalo died because of that, and, in retaliation, they caused groundquakes in hopes of sealing the breach and keep out the "foul air" from above. Due to the multiple tremors, many Aleena lost their lives too, which prompted the [Galactic Republic](#) to launch a [relief mission](#) on Aleen. The [Wolfpack clone trooper squad](#) was dispatched on the spot, along with the

The Kindalo meet C-3PO and R2-D2.

droid counterparts **C-3PO** and **R2-D2**. Due to another quake, the two droids fell into the Aleen underworld, where they found themselves suddenly surrounded as a group of Kindalo came alive. The sentient trees were displeased that the surface dwellers had disturbed the tranquillity of their cavern groves, and they demanded them to leave. After C-3PO managed to convince them of their good intentions, the Kindalo told the droids that, if they were to help, they had to find **Orphne**, a reptilian humanoid with **mystical powers**. Eventually, the droids managed put the unsettled seal back into place, thus ensuring the Kindalo's survival and bringing the seisms to an end.^[1]

Behind the scenes

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The Kindalo were created for *Mercy Mission*, the fifth episode of the *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* television series' fourth season, which aired on **October 7, 2011**. Concept art for this species indicate that they were originally called "Kindaloo." The artists responsible for the Kindalo design advised the animators to "think about an old man" when animating them.^[11]

Character sheet for the "Kindaloo"

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